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a lever-operated rotatable locking element having a pair of latching surfaces rotatably supported on the seat receiving structure and selectively rotatable between a first position wherein engagement between the rotatable locking element and the elongate members is absent and wherein the pair of elongate members are removable from the seat structure receiving member, and a second position wherein the elongate members are secured on intermediate portions of their upper surfaces by said pair of latching surfaces of the rotatable locking element in said intermediate regions and locked in position on the seat receiving structure.

5. (Amended) A quick release/connection arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said seat receiving structure comprises a platform in which said latching portions are formed, and in which detents are provided to resist movement of the elongate members of the seat frame out of the passage structures with a predetermined force.

6. (Twice Amended) A mounting arrangement for a seat comprising:

a seat receiving platform which is pivotally supported on a base member, said platform having a pair of latching portions, each of said latching portions having a pair of latching regions and an intermediate region;

a resilient biasing member operatively interconnecting the platform and the base member to permit a limited amount of pivotal movement of the platform with respect to the base member; and

a lever-operated rotatable locking element having a pair of latching surfaces mounted on the platform, said rotatable locking element being movable between a first position wherein a seat can be readily removed from the platform and a second position wherein said latching surfaces secure intermediate portions of elongate seat frame members at said intermediate region so that the seat is thereby immovably locked onto the platform.

8. (Amended) A mounting arrangement for a seat comprising:

a seat receiving platform pivotally supported on a base member, said platform having a pair of latching portions, each of said latching portions having a pair of latching regions and an intermediate region;

a lever-operated rotatable locking element having a pair of latching surfaces mounted on said platform and selectively rotatable between a first position wherein a seat can be readily removed from the platform, and a second position wherein said latching surfaces secure elongate seat frame members on at least a portion of an upper surface of said elongate members at said intermediate regions and the seat is thereby immovably locked onto the platform; and
a lever operated clamp interconnecting the base member and a chassis of a device.

The following unamended claims remain pending:

2. A quick release/connection arrangement as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
a base member on which said seat receiving structure is pivotally supported; and
resilient biasing arrangement which operatively interconnects the seat receiving structure with the base member and which biases the seat receiving structure to normally assume a predetermined orientation with respect to said base member.
3. A quick release/connection arrangement as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
a clamp operatively interconnecting said base member and a chassis of a device, said clamp comprising:
a first clamp member which is rigidly connected to the base member and a second clamp member which is rigidly connected with the chassis,
a cam arrangement for normally forcing the first and second clamp members into locking engagement with each other and for selectively permitting sufficient play between the first and second clamp members to allow the relative movement therebetween.
4. A quick release/connection arrangement as set forth in claim 3, wherein said cam arrangement comprises a lever which is rotatably supported on a shaft which is disposed through apertures respectively formed in the first and second clamp members and which is operatively connected with the first clamp member, said lever having a cam surface formed thereon proximate an axis about which said lever is rotatable with respect to the shaft, the cam surface being engageable with a surface which is stationary with respect to the second clamp member to

produces a reaction which forces the first and second clamp members together into locking engagement with one another.

7. A mounting arrangement as set forth in claim 6, further comprising: a lever operated clamp which interconnects the base member and a chassis of a device.

9. A mounting arrangement as set forth in claim 8, wherein said lever operated clamp comprises:

first and second clamp elements which are respectively rigidly connected with a base member and a chassis of a device;

a shaft which passes through one of the first and second clamp elements and which is engageable with another of the first and second clamp elements;

a lever operatively engaged with the shaft and arranged to movable to a clamp position wherein it applies a force to the shaft and forces the first and second clamp elements into locking engagement with one another.

10. A mounting arrangement as set forth in claim 9, wherein said lever is formed with a cam surface which engages a predetermined surface when the lever is rotated to the clamp position, and which displaces the shaft through the engagement and forces the first clamp element into engagement with the second clamp element.

Please add the following new claim:

11. (New) A quick release/connection arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said forward and rearward latching portions are U-shaped and support said elongate members from below and secure said elongate members in two horizontal directions.
